

ROBBERS LOSE WILD RACE WITH POLICE

Rain of Bullets Forces Thieves to Abandon \$3800 in Cloth Stolen From Mill

ONE MAN THOUGHT HURT

Four robbers fleeing in a wagon loaded with \$3800 of stolen cloth in Frankford early today were pursued by police in a motor patrol, who emptied their revolvers at the fugitives.

As the patrol gained on the horse-drawn vehicle the robbers jumped at Richmond street and Wheatfield lane, abandoning the wagon. One thief fell. He was helped up by the others. All had disappeared when the policemen arrived at the spot.

The robbers had stolen the team, which was owned by Conrad Buck, a bottler, 2108 Bridge street. They forced an entrance to the mill of Holden Bros., Margaret and Dittman streets, Frankford, and loaded the wagon with cloth.

Milkman Gives Alarm

As they drove away from the mill they were seen by a milkman, who hurried to a telephone and notified the police.

The house detail at the Frankford station started for the mill in the automobile patrol at full speed through the deserted streets. They picked up the trail of the robbers at Richmond street and the chase began.

The fugitives had a start of a half dozen blocks and had lashed the horses to a gallop. Bullets from police revolvers sang through the air over their heads as they approached a big weed-covered lot at Wheatfield lane.

The inequality of horseflesh over gasoline as the motor patrol rapidly overhauled them led the thieves to abandon their loot. The wagon was still in motion when the fugitives jumped. Revolvers "popped" two blocks behind them and one man fell.

Field Is Searched

After the prostrate robber's companion had helped him up the four ran into the field. Thirty seconds later the police leaped from the patrol scattering right and left in an effort to head off the robbers.

Under direction of Sergeant Garing, the policemen beat through the weeds and bushes, but were unable to find the fugitives. The stolen wagon, with its valuable contents, was driven to the station and an alarm was sent out to other districts.

Hospital are being watched in the belief that one of the thieves was wounded.

TWO HELD FOR ASSAULT

Lawyer Testifies Gloucester Gate-man and Other Attacked Him

Charged with assault and battery upon an automobilist and his companion, Gussetto Attauso, of 729 Cherry street, Camden, and watchman at the Monmouth street railway crossing, in Gloucester, and Dominic Crabone, of 1102 South Third street, Camden, a track walker, were held under \$300 bail each for court by Mayor Anderson, of Gloucester, today.

Under direction of Mayor Anderson, of Gloucester, today, a lawyer, of Gloucester, testified that on Saturday night his automobile was caught between the gates at the crossing and when he and his brother, William, went back to get the gatekeeper's name they were threatened by the two men, armed with clubs.

ALLEGED BANDIT HELD

Wagner is Believed to Be Responsible for Many Crimes

Herman Wagner, believed to be the leader of a gang of automobile bandits, was held without bail in Central Station today after he was identified by two victims of hold-ups early last Tuesday morning.

Wagner, who is also known as Wilkinson to the police, is charged with being one of four bandits who have been committing a series of hold-ups.

At a hearing before Magistrate Carson today he was identified by William Smith, 5410 Springfield avenue, as one of four bandits who held him up at Twelfth and Thompson streets a week ago. George Steff, 2207 Coral street, who was robbed of two watches and a stickpin at Susquehanna avenue and Coral street, also identified Wagner as one of the hold-up men.

Wagner will be given a further hearing on September 27, when an effort will be made to identify other victims of recent hold-ups. He is believed by the police to be one of the bandits who held up Beck's saloon at Broad street and Hunting Park avenue, several weeks ago, during which the bartender was killed and another man shot in the foot.

2453 VACANT HOUSES

That Number Shown in Report Made to Mayor Today

In the present crisis in housing conditions throughout the city, Director Cortelyou presented to the Mayor today a report showing that there are 2453 vacant houses in Philadelphia. From ordinary methods of calculation these houses would take care of some 12,000 people.

"Many of these houses are doubtless old and too large for small families," commented Mayor Moore, "and this is particularly true of the houses on Walnut, Spruce and Pine streets, from which the old families have moved to the country.

"But the census is interesting in view of the housing question that is supposed to prevail at the present time."

SHIPWORKER KILLED

Plank Falls on Man's Head at New York Shipbuilding Plant

Frank Bogar, forty-five years old, Green street near Seventeenth, Philadelphia, was killed at noon today when a plank fell on his head at the New York Shipbuilding plant, Camden.

Bogar, who was a caulker, was working in the hold of a ship when the accident occurred.

Fire Endangers Houses

Three houses were endangered this afternoon when fire destroyed the awnings over the porches in front of the homes of Jacob H. Blake, 2015 East Cambria street; John Ryan, 2017 East Cambria street, and Mrs. Mary Hewart, 2019 East Cambria street. The flames scorched the fronts of the houses. An alarm was sounded and the flames were quickly extinguished. The loss will amount to \$100.

Meade Gets Court Place

The appointment of John J. Meade, of 143 North Ninth street, as an assistant court clerk in quarter sessions court was announced today by Clerk of Quarter Sessions Court Thomas W. Cunningham. Mr. Meade is well-known about the City Hall, having worked for over six years in the office of the receiver of taxes. He is a member of the republican executive committee of the Tenth ward. Mr. Meade will be assigned to Quarter Sessions Court No. two, room 663, City Hall.

MECHANICAL 'COW' MAKES NAVY MILK

Engineers' Club Hears Wonders of Latest Appliance on Hospital Ship

ALSO MAKES ICE CREAM

A "mechanical cow" which makes fresh milk at sea for sick and wounded sailors is an interesting part of the equipment of the new hospital ship Relief, just being completed at League Island. Details of the ship were explained to members of the Engineers' Club at luncheon today by Commander R. C. Holcomb, inspector representing the bureau of medicine and surgery of the navy in the construction of the Relief, the finest ship of its type in the world.

The "cow" in question is a machine which takes milk powder and water, mixes them with the proper amount of butter fat, pasteurizes and emulsifies them, and finally pours out a rich, smooth, creamy product. By regulating the various proportions of the ingredients any grade of milk can be produced. By the application of a freezing solution to the pipes of the "cow" cream can be made. The device enables any quantity of milk to be produced, no matter where the ship is, and the destructibility of the milk powder assures a fresh product at all times.

Commander Holcomb stated that modern methods in the navy have rendered the death rate among the men half that of Philadelphia. He added that no doubt the low rate was in part due to the fact that it was a selected personnel.

The commander briefly sketched the history of hospital ships, and told of how the mortality rate in the British navy had been brought down from one man in eight in 1770 to one in 311 in 1910.

Among the many wonders of the Relief, Commander Holcomb touched on the operating room, provided with 105 portholes and three sets of shades, giving every possible variation of lighting. The heating and ventilating arrangements, the portable cafeteria which brings hot food to the patient's bedside, the electrically equipped diet kitchens, and the field hospital.

The speaker was introduced by Joseph Steinmetz, acting president of the club.

HELD FOR FATAL SHOOTING

Former Pugilist Must Answer for Death of Policeman

A coroner's jury today held Leonard Wintery, of Wood street near Ninth, for the grand jury in connection with the death on September 13 of Patrolman Dominic Nesavage, of the Tenth and Buttonwood streets station. At the inquest, Wintery declared he was a retired pugilist.

It was testified he ran amuck with a revolver at Ninth and Vine streets, and that when Nesavage approached Wintery opened fire on him. One of the shots struck the patrolman in the head and caused his death.



MISS SARA BERTHA DOLAN

ENGAGEMENT BROKEN

Mrs. Dolan Admits Daughter Will Not Marry Bulkeley L. Wells

Mrs. Thomas Jefferson Dolan today confirmed the report that the engagement of her daughter, Miss Sara Bertha Dolan, to Bulkeley Livermore Wells, of Denver, has been ended by "mutual consent."

The engagement was announced to society May 30. Miss Dolan made her debut last season. She has been interested in athletics, and has been a familiar figure at the horse shows and polo contests.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolan are at present at Chestnutwood Farm, near Devon. Their winter home is at 2107 Walnut street.

DENTIST COMMITS SUICIDE

Tenants Find Body of Camden Man in Bathroom

Dr. Byron E. Fortner, forty-five years old, a well-known Camden dentist, was found dead from gas in the bathroom of his home at 517 Cooper street, at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

Members of a family which rented an apartment in the Fortner home discovered the dentist's body. Jets in a gas stove and wall light had been turned on and rags had been stuffed in the crack under the bathroom door.

Dr. Wallace McGeorge, who had been attending Doctor Fortner for several days, said the man had been subject to nervous disorders, and that he believed the dentist's mind had been affected.

Doctor Fortner had been separated from his wife two years and is known to have worried because of his domestic trouble. His wife is now living at Wilmington.

WILL IS PROBATED TODAY

The will of Mary E. Billingsfelt, 2239 North Thirtieth street, \$19,700, was probated today. Inventories were filed in the personal estates of W. Fischer, \$14,340.58, and Christian Waldman, \$17,889.11. Letters of administration were granted to the executors of the estate of James B. Tustin, \$10,000.

MRS. A. H. DONNELLY IS GRANTED DIVORCE

Notice of Final Rule is Served on Former Professor at Atlantic City

OTHER PLEAS PASSED ON

Among the divorces granted by Court of Common Pleas No. 4 today was one to Ann H. Donnelly from James H. Donnelly, former professor in the Southern High School, whose marital difficulties have been ventilated in the courts on several occasions.

Mrs. Donnelly obtained her divorce on the ground of indignities, it was stated.

Notice of the final rule for divorce was served on Mr. Donnelly in his apartments at the Dreschman, Bartram and Atlantic avenue, Atlantic City.

The divorce case was privately heard by a master, who reported to the court and recommended a decree in the wife's favor.

Other decrees in divorce granted today follow:

By Court No. 2, President Judge Barratt: Elizabeth Low from Hugh Dow; Harry E. Ward from Lucy Ward; Adelaide M. Wilkinson from Norman Wilkinson; Elizabeth J. Newall from Herbert Newall; Mary P. Glasgow from Solomon S. Glasgow; Bron. Sieniatowski from Theo. Sieniatowski; Martha Vile from William J. Vile; Mary E. Hailey from Leon B. Hartley; Helen E. McLellan from Robert K. McLellan; Mary L. Magee from Raymond S. Magee.

Court of Common Pleas No. 4 granted the following divorces: John E. Chew from Roseberta Chew; Herman C. James from Elizabeth C. James; Wilhelmina E. Quader from Herbert P. Quader; Ella May Slesinger from Earl L. Slesinger; Anna Leubman from Dr. J. Langham; Lena Vendetta from Enrico Vendetta; Sarah C. Hooker from Ernest Hooker; Mattilda Beoville from Peter Beoville; Phyllis G. Andrews from Roland Andrews; Anna G. Debarbar from Homer G. Debarbar; Mary M. Rote from George L. Rote; Amy E. H. Surman from William C. Surman; Hattie W. Rudolph from Faber Rudolph; Anna H. Donnelly from James H. Donnelly; Louise Harris from Mark H. Harris; Russell D. Knight from Hannah E. Knight.

WOMEN HONOR LEADER

Tea is Given for President of Voters' League

Mrs. John Kent Kane gave a tea this afternoon at Brookhollow, her home in Radnor, for Mrs. John O. Miller, of Pittsburgh, chairman of the Pennsylvania League of Women Voters. Among those who were in the receiving line were Mrs. Kane, Mrs. Isaac H. Clothier, Jr., Mrs. John Shipley Dixon, Mrs. Frank Griswold, Mrs. John F. Meigs, Mrs. Charles E. Martha, Mrs. J. S. C. Harvey and Mrs. W. H. Cornog. Mrs. Miller made a short address after the tea. Tonight she will deliver an address in the Radnor High School building.

SAILOR RIOTERS GUILTY

Sentenced by Magistrate and Then Turned Over to Naval Officials

Two sailors, Nelson Eckleson and William Loehr, of League Island, were sentenced to ten days in jail and then turned over to the naval authorities by Magistrate Grellis this morning as the result of a riot at Twelfth and Race streets, in which fifty sailors and marines participated last night.

The sailors attacked Patrolman Wilmer, of the Eleventh and Winter streets station, late last night. He was joined by Patrolman Gay and the two fought off the crowd, making the two arrests. The sailors returned later and gave battle to additional patrolmen, when a riot call was answered.

Several other arrests were made, but the defendants were dismissed with a warning.

ROBBERS LACKED NERVE

Bartender Reached for Gun, but Visitors Had Departed

Four men entered the saloon of John O'Callahan, at Seventh street and Fairmount avenue, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and failing to find any "come-ons" for a game of craps, they announced they would hold up the place.

When they saw a bartender reach under the edge of the bar in a business-like manner the four men changed their minds and ran from the saloon. They disappeared west on Fairmount avenue.

REGISTRATION DRIVE ON

Women Will Visit Hospitals to Get Out New Voters

Hospitals and other institutions in West Philadelphia will be canvassed by members of the Fourth Senatorial district committee of the Philadelphia county women's republican committee, under the direction of Mrs. Walter C. Hancock, prior to October 2 for the purpose of urging registration on women who had no opportunity of registering on the first two days.

The women who will make the canvass will be supplied with registration blanks upon which will be entered all the required information respecting the voters. These blanks will be turned over to the registrars in each division, and then it will only be necessary for the women to visit the polling places and sign their names on the registrars' books.

NELSON MARTIN DIES

Reserve Patrolman Nelson Martin, well-known to the crowds in the business section around Eighth and Chestnut streets, died this morning in the Presbyterian Hospital of uremia. He had been taken to the hospital for treatment a month ago. Martin was forty-nine years old and had been on the police force since January, 1901. His home was at 629 North Ely-seventh street. He was a member of Lodge 3, Free and Accepted Masons.

SEES LITTLE HOPE FOR CHEAP BREAD

Hoover Tells Bakers Wheat Never Will Go Back to Pre-War Price

EUROPE TO NEED SURPLUS

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger—Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 21.—Scant prospect of cheaper bread for a long time to come was held out by Herbert Hoover today in an address upon the farmer and the price of the staff of life before the American Association of the baking industry.

The administrator said that not for years, possibly never, will wheat go back to its pre-war price in relation to other food commodities.

Mr. Hoover absolved the farmer from any responsibility for the present cost of baker's bread. He evoked the applause of his auditors by declaring the industry was one of the few against which the breath of profiteering never had been raised.

Incidentally, Mr. Hoover served notice upon the great wheat buying interests of Europe that they must for their own safety be prepared to pay America a fair-square price for wheat. Any attempt to take advantage of any temporary power to artificially reduce the price, he said, would be equivalent to suicide.

Analysis of the twelve-cent loaf in New York, Mr. Hoover asserted, shows that 4.30 cents goes for flour, 1.23 cents for other ingredients, 4.10 cents for labor and overhead, .02 cents for profit to the baker and 1.75 cents to the retailer. The fact of the 4.30 cents per loaf set aside under the head of flour the farmer gets but three cents, should tend to dissipate, Mr. Hoover said, any

notion that the farmer is primarily responsible for doubling the price of the loaf. In fact a reduction of sixty cents a bushel in wheat would affect the loaf but one cent.

Mr. Hoover continued: "As to the immediate market prospects, it would indeed be a courageous man who would make prophecies as to the course of prices in the present abnormal condition in the world's trade and international financial situation and overseas transportation. During the harvest year ahead the great exporting centers of the world will have available some 375,000,000 to 625,000,000 bushels of wheat for export."

The import necessities of Europe, if the bread consumption were restored to normal, would exceed this amount. Thirty per cent of the population of Europe are still under bread ration. This 30 per cent will increase or decrease with a change in financial condition or social stability of Europe and the demand will fall or rise accordingly. In any event there does not appear any great shortage or any great surplus of wheat for export."

TRAIN KILLS RAILROAD MAN

Victim at Tacony Station Had Served Sixty Years

John Boyle, sixty-nine years old, of 419 Pine street, Bristol, Pa., was killed this morning when he stepped in front of an eastbound express train at the Tacony station of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The man had been employed at the station for nearly forty years. His body was taken to the Frankford Hospital, where physicians said death had been instantaneous.

Advertisement for NBT (National Bank of Trade) featuring 'Last 5 Days' and 'Limited Line-Up of Silk-mixed and Self-figured Fall Suits at \$35'.

Advertisement for 'A Tannery Opportunity' in St. Louis, highlighting the market for leather goods and tanning services.

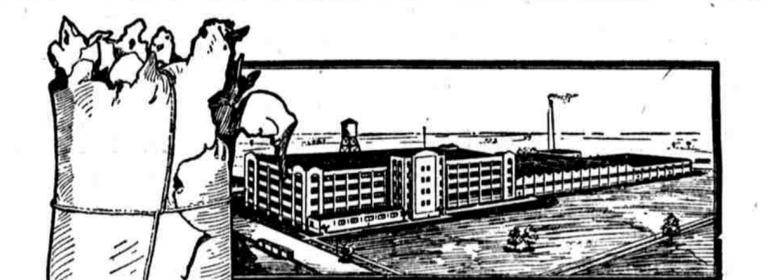
Advertisement for 'The End of a Perfect Day' featuring the 'Noiseless Typewriter' by Jacob Reed's Sons.

Advertisement for 'Kensington Trust Co.' located at 16th and Chestnut Streets, offering various financial services.

Advertisement for 'MacDonald & Campbell' featuring 'Distinguished New Fall Suits' priced from \$45 to \$90.

Advertisement for 'Bailey Banks & Biddle Co.' featuring 'Oriental Pearls' and jewelry.

Advertisement for 'Jacob Reed's Sons' featuring 'So Many "Freak" clothes' and typewriter services.



Advertisement text for 'A Tannery Opportunity' in St. Louis, discussing the leather industry and tanning process.

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